

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 60
By McAfee

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Judge William Lewis
(Chink) Brown on his exemplary service to
Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in
their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and devotion; and

WHEREAS, Judge William Lewis (Chink) Brown is one such outstanding person who
has served with acumen for 9 years as a Circuit Court Judge and is stepping down to return to
private practice; and

WHEREAS, Judge Brown exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a
great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, born May 7, 1940, in Hamilton County, to Harold and Martha Jane Brown,
Judge Brown graduated from Central High School. He graduated from the University of
Chattanooga and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Cumberland School of Law
at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, he became a partner in the law firm of Brown, Brown & Griffin where he
practiced for 18 years before answering the call of Governor Ned McWherter to fulfill the
unexpired term of Judge David Tom Walker; and

WHEREAS, Judge Brown was appointed to the Circuit Court bench January 4, 1988 and
elected in August 1990 to serve a full eight year term; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Brown served admirably as City Court Judge for the City of Red Bank for 10 years prior to becoming a Circuit Judge; and

WHEREAS, widely respected and admired by his peers and associates in the legal profession, Judge Brown has always possessed the unique ability to quickly seize the heart of a legal issue quickly; and

WHEREAS, Judge Brown has ruled justly and with keenness of thought, never wavering in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who realizes that citizenship entails many responsibilities as well as privileges, Judge Brown has participated in numerous civic organizations, including the Board of Governors of the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association, the Board of Governors of the Chattanooga Trial Lawyers Association, the Chattanooga Bar Association, and on the board of Chattanooga Birth Defects; and

WHEREAS, Judge Brown is a devout Christian and evinces his faith through his membership at the Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church where he serves as an Elder; and

WHEREAS, his countless honors and accomplishments aside, Judge Brown is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his loving wife, Judy Holland Brown; and

WHEREAS, Judge Brown is the proud father of two children, each of whom has made their mark on the world and is highly successful in their own right; son William Douglas Brown of Seattle, Washington and daughter Holly Novkov of Signal Mountain; and

WHEREAS, he cherishes his grandchildren Mary Holland and Caroline; and

WHEREAS, Judge Brown is a brilliant jurist whose long and distinguished career on the bench serves as an exemplary model for present and future judges to emulate; his departure leaves a void that will not be easily filled; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we extend to Judge William Lewis (Chink) Brown our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling return to private practice, reflecting fondly upon his sterling legacy as an astute member of the judiciary and an outstanding public servant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.